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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS, NOV. 7-15, 1973

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1. WE DISCUSSED WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY (KY) OCTOBER 1 ALONG LINES REFTEL THE POSSIBILITY OF A RESOLUTION AT THE UPCOMING TEHRAN RED CROSS CONFERENCE CALLING FOR CONTACTS:COOPERATION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM RED CROSS SOCIETIES. WE NOTED THAT IT WAS LIKELY THAT THE QUESTION OF VIETNAM WOULD ARISE IN SOME FORM AT THE TEHRAN CONFERENCE AND THAT IT WOULD BE WELL TO BE FOREARMED WITH AN INITIATIVE WITH AIRM OF DEFLECTING UNFRIENDLY MOVES AT THE CONFERENCE. WE SHOWED KY TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON RED CROSS TALKS IN KOREA (SEOUL 6341) AS AN EXAMPLE OF KIND OF RESOLUTION WHICH GVN MIGHT FIND ACCEPTABLE.

2. KY SEEMED VERY DRAWN TO THE IDEA AND SAID HE WOULD RAISE IT WITH MINISTER DUC NEXT MONDAY ON HIS RETURN FROM THE U.S. KY SAID HE WOULD ADVOCATE THE IDEA TO DUC ON GROUNDS THAT (A) PROPOSAL OF NVN-SVN RED CROSS CONTACTS WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH ARTICLE 15 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT; (B) PROPOSAL WOULD SHOW THAT GVN WAS TAKING A PROGRESSIVE INITIATIVE TO RESTORE PEACE, AND

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(C) IT WOULD PLACE THE DRV ON THE DEFENSIVE AND MOST LIKELY WOULD

BE MET WITH DRV REJECTION. KY SAID HE WOULD PROPOSE TO DUC THAT EITHER THE GVN DELEGATION MAKE THE PROPOSAL ITSELF OR THE GVN WOULD DO SO THROUGH FRIENDLY RED CROSS DELEGATIONS.

3. REGARDING POSSIBILITY THAT "PRG" ISSUE MIGHT BE RAISED, KY SEEMED UNWORRIED. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE "PRG" IS NOT A GOVERNMENT AND THAT ITS RED CROSS SOCIETY IS NOT RECOGNIZED AS SUCH BY THE RED CROSS. THE GVN WOULD, HE SAID, REJECT ANY PROPOSAL INVOLVING THE PRG RED CROSS.

4. KY ALSO INFORMED US THAT THE GVN WILL SEND A STRONG DELEGATION TO TEHRAN, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENSE, JUSTICE, PLANNING AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENCY. THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE VUONG VAN BAC, AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN. KY WILL LET US KNOW AS SOON AS HE CAN WHO THE HEAD OF THE GVN RED CROSS DELEGATION WILL BE. HE BELIEVES IT WILL LIKELY BE LA THANH TRUNG, PRESIDENT OF THE VIETNAMESE RED CROSS.

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